

administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for an equestrian park. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: November 17, 2000.

Rex Wells,

*Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands,
Las Vegas, NV.*

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 50019 and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by OMB before January 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NSF, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of NSF's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection

of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling (703) 292-7556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, NSF Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 292-7556 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (OMB Control No. 3145-0033).

1. *Use of the information.* The proposed continuing information collection is a survey used to monitor public attitudes towards science and technology, including the public's level of scientific understanding and policy preferences on selected issues. This telephone survey has been conducted approximately every two years for more than 20 years, and the information collected with it appears in the Congressionally mandated National Science Board biennial report, Science and Engineering Indicators, and other publications. Information on public attitudes and understanding of science and technology is used by government and nongovernment policy makers in developing and designing science and education programs and by researchers in government, industry, and academia. The proposed collection will occur in early 2001.

2. *Expected respondents.* The survey will be conducted by telephone. Using state-of-the-art, computer-assisted telephone interviewing software and random digit dialing, approximately 2000 adults will be contacted and asked a series of questions designed to

measure their attitudes toward science and technology and their understanding of scientific concepts.

3. *Burden on the public.* The estimated respondent burden is 1000 hours. This estimate is based on the completion of 2000 telephone interviews with an average length of 30 minutes each.

Dated: November 28, 2000.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

NSF Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 13, 2000, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on November 18, 2000 to the following applicant: Colin M. Harris, Permit No. 2001-023.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Conservation Act of 1978; Notice of Permit Modification

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

SUMMARY: The Foundation modified a permit to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541; 45 CFR Part 670).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Description of Permit and Modification

1. On September 15, 1999, the National Science Foundation issued a permit (ACA #2000-004) to Dr. Paul J. Ponganis after posting a notice in the August 17, 1999 **Federal Register**. Public comments were not received. A request to modify the permit was posted in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 2000. No public comments were received. The modification, issued by the Foundation on November 1, 2000, allows for entry into the Cape Crozier Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 124 for the purpose of conducting a census on the newly hatched Emperor penguin chicks.

Location: ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island.

Dates: November 15, 2000 to February 28, 2002.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: State Agreements Program, as authorized by Section 274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act.
2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0029.
3. How often the collection is required: One time or as needed.
4. Who is required or asked to report: Thirty-two Agreement States who have signed Section 274(b) Agreements with NRC.
5. The number of annual respondents: 32.
6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 1005.
7. Abstract: Agreement States are asked on a one-time or as-needed basis, *e.g.*, to respond to a specific incident, to gather information on licensing and inspection practices and other technical statistical information. The results of such information requests, which are authorized under Section 274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, are utilized in part by NRC in preparing responses to

Congressional inquiries. Agreement State comments are also solicited in the areas of proposed procedure and policy development.

Submit, by February 2, 2001, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1F23, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of November, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-146]

GPU Nuclear, Inc. and Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation; Saxton Facility; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Merger and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the indirect transfer of Facility Amended License No. DPR-4 for the Saxton Facility, held by Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (SNEC) and GPU Nuclear, Inc. (GPUN). The indirect

transfer would be to FirstEnergy Corp. (FE), headquartered in Akron, Ohio.

According to a September 26, 2000, application submitted by FE and GPUN, as supplemented by letters dated September 27, November 9, and November 14, 2000, GPU, Inc., the corporate parent of SNEC and GPUN, is planning to be merged with and into FE. FE will remain as the surviving corporation in this transaction. Upon consummating the merger, FE will become a registered holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and SNEC and GPUN, currently direct or indirect subsidiaries of GPU, Inc., will become direct or indirect subsidiaries of FE.

No physical changes to the Saxton Facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application. SNEC, the licensed owner of the facility, will continue to be so following the merger, and GPUN, currently the licensee authorized to decommission the facility, will continue to maintain that status after the merger. No direct transfer of the license will result from the planned merger.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the indirect transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the underlying transaction that will effectuate the indirect transfer will not affect the qualifications of the holders of the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By December 26, 2000, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing and, if not the applicants, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306,